

REMARKS

Claims 36-57 are pending in the present application, claims 1-35 having been cancelled and claims 36-57 having been added herein. The Office Action and cited references have been considered. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Matsumoto (U.S. Patent No. 6,345,263).¹ Cancellation of these claims has rendered this rejection moot, however, Applicants will discuss the new claims in view of the Matsumoto patent.

Claim 36 recites an electronic wallet having means for storing and managing electronic value for processing a transaction settlement. The electronic value comprises a security information including a private key specific to an electronic value and a certificate of a public key corresponding to the private key, and a value property descriptor for defining a property of the electronic value including a variable information that is updated by a transaction settlement processing and a fixed information that is not changed by a transaction settlement processing. The electronic value is an electronic information for processing the transaction settlement, and an electronic signature signed by the private key is added to the variable information. This is not taught, disclosed or made obvious by the prior art of record.

Matsumoto relates to an electronic purse application system for executing electronic purchases. According to Matsumoto, encryption key information for releasing the scrambling of video, audio and control signal and amount information for amount approval are

stored in an IC card. Data encrypted in a scrambled key and program information in encryptor 4 is processed in a scrambled key and program information decryptor 21. In the case of processing by the decryptor 21, data is decrypted by the encryption key stored in the encryption key storage 22 according to predetermined rules. This encryption key is managed by the management company and in a uniform manner, so that a viewer who is not under contract with the management company cannot decrypt data by the decryptor 21. When the viewer chooses a program to be watched from the program guide and selects it using the input unit 17, only the program selected by the viewer is extracted by the tuner 12, using a control signal output from the system controller 14 (b1) and data is supplied to the descrambler 13. This data is encrypted by the scramble key according to a fixed rule and output from the decoder 11, so that the viewer can watch the selected program on television.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that Matsumoto does not disclose a system in which the electronic value comprises a security information including a private key specific to the electronic value, a certificate of a public key corresponding to the private key, and an electronic signature signed by the private key, as recited in claim 36. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 36 is not anticipated or made obvious by Matsumoto.

Claims 37-57 are believed to be patentable at least for reasons discussed above with respect to claim 36.

¹ Paragraph 2 of the Office Action list only claims 1-20 as noted in the communication filed on October 13, 2006. Applicant assumes that Paragraph 2 should have listed all of claims 1-35. Clarification of the record is requested.

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If this rejection is maintained, Applicant request that the Examiner particular point out specifically where in the reference the claimed elements are taught, rather than a citation to the entire patent as was previously provided.

Applicants note that Information Disclosure Statements were filed in this case on October 12, 2001, and April 3, 2006. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide Applicants with a copy of the form SB/08A with the Examiner's initials on such forms adjacent to each citation, thus confirming that the Examiner has considered these citations.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections of record. Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is most earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions he is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-628-5197.

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